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**KENTUCKY OAKS, DERBY POST POSITION DRAWS
TO BE HELD TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AT 11 A.M.**

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS

What: The Post Position Draw for the 143rd running of the \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) will be held Tuesday, May 2 at 11 a.m. EDT in The Parlay/Media Center's Media Briefing Room, which is located just inside Churchill Downs' Gate 1 entrance.

The Oaks post position draw is a traditional "pill pull" in which horses' entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate. Preference to the nation's premier race for 3-year-old fillies is given to the top point-earners on the 30-race "Road to the Kentucky Oaks." Up to 18 horses may enter the 1 1/8-mile race and four horses can be listed as "also eligible" and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9 a.m. EDT.

Where/When: Tuesday at 11 a.m. EDT in The Parlay/Media Center near Gate 1.

How to Watch: The Kentucky Oaks Post Position Draw will be streamed live on www.KentuckyDerby.com.

KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY YUM! BRANDS

What: The Post Position Draw for the 143rd running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) will be held Wednesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. EDT in the Aristides Lounge on the second floor of Churchill Downs' Clubhouse.

The Derby post position draw is a traditional "pill pull" in which horses' entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate. Preference to America's greatest race is given to the top point-earners on the 37-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby." Up to 24 three-year-olds may enter the 1 1/4-mile race and four horses can be listed as "also eligible" and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9 a.m. EDT.

Where/When: Wednesday at 11-11:30 a.m. EDT in the Aristides Lounge on the second floor of the Clubhouse.

Host: Churchill Downs' Vice President of Racing Communications John Asher

Pill Pull: Director of Racing Ben Huffman and Assistant Racing Secretary Dan Bork

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Chief Steward: Barbara Borden

Format:

- 11:03 – Introduction
- 11:06-11:12 a.m. – Pill pull for 1-10
- 11:12-11:14 a.m. – Brief interlude
- 11:14-11:21 a.m. – Pill pull for 11-20
- 11:21-11:23 a.m. – Brief interlude
- 11:23-11:26 a.m. – TwinSpires.com Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia

How to Watch: The Kentucky Derby Post Position Draw will be streamed live on www.KentuckyDerby.com and televised live in Louisville by NBC affiliate WAVE-3 and other various other local and national outlets.

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Video of the Oaks and Derby post position draws will be available on the Kentucky Derby News Feed: https://www.kentuckyderby.com/uploads/wysiwyg/assets/uploads/20170423_KENTUCKY_DERBY_NEWS_FEED_ALERT_1.pdf

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